MEMBERS

The EFRJ targets four main professional groups: RJ practitioners, policy makers, researchers, and legal practitioners.
The EFRJ has more than 300 members coming from more than 40 different countries. Our membership includes individuals, local organisations, regional, national and international organisations, and also governmental institutions.

BECOMING A MEMBER

Please visit our website and click on “Membership” to check out all the benefits of becoming a member of the EFRJ. The annual membership fee is only 45 EUR for individuals. Check the website for the different organisational membership fees.

DONATE

If you want to support the work of the EFRJ in the further development of RJ in Europe, you are welcome to make a donation. Please consult our website.

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AIMS & OBJECTIVES

Founded in 2000 by a group of academics, practitioners, and policy makers, the European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ) has the aim to contribute to the further development and establishment of victim-offender mediation and other restorative justice (RJ) services in Europe.

The EFRJ has the following objectives:

- Promoting international exchange of information and mutual assistance;
- Promoting the development of RJ policies, services and legislation;
- Exploring and further developing the theoretical basis of RJ, and to stimulate research;
- Promoting and supporting education in order to increase awareness and knowledge on RJ;
- Promoting dialogue between practitioners, policymakers and researchers in the field of criminal justice;
- Promote networking between and among stakeholders in the field of RJ and criminal justice.

CORE ACTIVITIES

- Further developing and sustaining our membership;
- Attracting European projects and publishing research reports and practical guides;
- Building cooperation among partners and institutions;
- Developing a common agenda on RJ within the Criminal Justice Platform (a European coalition between CEP, EuroPris, and EFRJ);
- Information sharing, and dissemination of knowledge on RJ through our newsletter, the newsflashes, the website, and the EFRJ documentation centre in Leuven;
- Providing consultancy and other services on RJ;
- Raising awareness on RJ by organising forum activities, such as expert seminars, regional trainings, workshops, meetings, etc.

STRUCTURE

The Board
The Board consists of members coming from at least six different European countries. Board members are elected by the members for a 6-year term.

The Secretariat
The Secretariat is based in Leuven and is composed by the executive officer, and project officers. The Secretariat often attracts internships and volunteers from across Europe.

The Committees
The work of the EFRJ is supported by 5 committees composed by volunteers. The existing committees are: 1. Practice and Training Committee, 2. Research Committee, 3. Communication Committee, 4. Committee on Restorative Approaches in Schools, and 5. Editorial Board of the Newsletter.

Biennial Conference
The EFRJ organises a conference every two years in a different European location. The conference proceedings are being published on the website.

Summer School
The EFRJ organises a biennial summer school on a specific theme, provided by established trainers in the field of RJ.

International RJ Week
The EFRJ participates in the annual RJ Week to raise awareness on RJ. During this week different activities take place across Europe.